HAPPENINGS at your Line





Letters to Santa Paws

Has your pet been good this year? Stop by our Austintown Branch to fill out a brief survey about your pet and they'll receive a letter from Santa Paws in the mail before Christmas!

Austintown, Library Hours, Sat., Dec. 13

Blood Drive by Mahoning Chapter of the American Red Cross

Canfield, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tue., Dec. 2 Boardman, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6 Poland, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tue., Dec. 9 Poland, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 12 Canfield, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13 Boardman, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon., Dec. 29

> Michael Kusalaba Branch will be CLOSED Dec. 1-6 for a floor plan redesign.

PLYMC Holiday Hours

Dec. 23 & Dec. 30 Closing at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24-25 | CLOSED

Dec. 31-Jan. 1 | CLOSED





All About the Pawz **Donations** Donations will be taken at the Austintown

Library for the rescue All About the Pawz. Acceptable items include food, treats, toys, leashes, laundry detergent, paper towels, dish soap, collars, and blankets. Monetary donations will not be accepted.

Austintown, Library Hours, Mon., Dec. 8 - Sat., Dec. 20



Top 10 borrowed items & titles this year (so far).









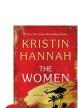






Prevention









Registration is required for some programs and each attendee must be registered. For programs on Zoom, register with an email address through the online events calendar.



Akron Children's **Hospital Mobile Care Unit**



Akron Children's Mobile Care Unit will be at select PLYMC branches to provide pediatric primary care services. Children ages birth-21 years can be seen by a healthcare professional for a well visit, sick visit, immunization, routine screening, point of care testing (strep, flu, covid) and more!

Tri-Lakes, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18



DECEMBER EVENTS

Puzzle Swap

Boardman, 4 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3

Sebring Committee Meeting Sebring, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9

Book Donation Drop Off

Poland (Friends Bookstore): Every Fri. | 12-3 p.m. Canfield: 3rd Saturday of the month | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **Sebring:** 4th Thursday of the month | 6-7 p.m.

For more info on the Friends of the Library meetings & events, please visit libraryvisit.org.



Family Story Time -Holidays Around the World Springfield, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 20 **Holiday Family Story Time** Canfield, 10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 23

| Grades K-3 | |
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| Make a Santa Face Austintown, 11 a.m. Wed., Dec. 3 | 3 |
| Kandinsky Christmas Trees Newport, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3 | 3 |
| Popsicle Stick Gingerbread House Main Library, 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4 | 3 |
| Beaded Snowflake Ornaments Main Library, 5:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 8 | 3 |
| Creature Feature-Arctic Fox Springfield, 4 p.m. Mon., Dec. 15 | |
| Holiday Bingo for Kids Boardman, 5 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16 | 3 |
| Read to Ellie Poland, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16 | 3 |
| Hang with Ariel! Main Library, 5 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18 | |
| Winter Snow Globes Main Library, 3:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 19 | |
| Kids Game Day Fun | |

Main Library, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 20 Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Newport, 3 p.m. Mon., Dec. 22

Tri-Lakes, 4 p.m. Tues., Dec. 23

Tales with Toshi





Midweek Hangout East, 3 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3, 17 Apprentice's Inn Tri-Lakes, 3 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3, 17 **Teen Advisory Board** Boardman, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3

Real Money Real World: Deductions Sessions will focus on the difference between gross and net income and understanding the types of deductions. Main Library, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 6 Main Library, 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18 Teen Escape Room - Winter Edition Boardman, 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10 MK Movie Monthly Michael Kusalaba, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 15 Snacks and Stories Newport, 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 26 **ADULTS & TE RPG Club** Main Library, 5 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2 **Crafty Capers at Campbell: Holiday Gnomes** Campbell, 2 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3 The City of YOU at Yuletide Poland, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4 **Library Survivor!** East, 4:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9





Yuletide Candles

ADULTS MCCTC Aspire Adult Basic Education Class

Free educational services to help individuals develop skills for GED completion, post-secondary education and employment success.

Michael Kusalaba, 11 a.m. Mon., Dec. 8, 15 Michael Kusalaba, 11 a.m. Tues., Dec. 9, 16 Michael Kusalaba, 11 a.m. Wed., Dec. 10, 17 Let's Move!

Poland, 10 a.m. Mon., Dec. 1, 15 **Chair Yoga** Tri-Lakes, 11 a.m. Mon., Dec. 1

Brownlee Woods 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed., Dec. 3, 17 **Christmas Diamond Painting**

Struthers, 5 p.m. Mon., Dec. 1 **Brewed Awakenings Book Club** The Coffee Shop at Ridgewood,

9 a.m. Tues., Dec. 2, 16 You're Such a Card

Off the Shelves Book Club

Join us as we review "I Must Betray You" by Ruta Sepetys. Canfield, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Ďec. 2

Sit & Stitch

Poland, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2 Canfield, 10 a.m. Wed., Dec. 3 Boardman, 11 a.m. Wed., Dec. 3 Canfield, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17

STEAM for Grown Ups: STEAM Buffet!

Boardman, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2

Wits Workout Wednesday

Canfield, 10:30 a.m. Wed., Dec. 3, 10, 17

Adult Crafting-Wooden Holiday Sign Springfield, 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3



Let's Learn Latch Hook!

Boardman, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3



Computer Maintenance Basics Main Library, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3

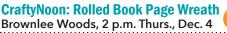


Computer Hardware Basics

Michael Kusalaba, 10 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 11

Step into Wellness Walking Group

Ford Nature Center, 10 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 4 Ford Nature Center, 11 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 18





Yoga for Building Body Literacy Newport, 4 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4

Poland, 3 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11, 18

Penguin City Book Club

We will be discussing "The Names" by Florence Knapp. Penguin City, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4

Pages for the Ages Book Club

Enjoy reading and discussing the book "The Chicken Sisters" by K.J. Dell'Antonia. Sebring, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4

Yoga for Every Body Canfield, 10 a.m. Fri., Dec. 5



Music in the Library

Enjoy music from guitarist Tyler Guerrieri. Pólánd, 12 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Makers Academy: Your First 3D Print

Main Library, 12 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6



Homestead 101: Toilet Bombs

Austintown, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6



"Cup of Joe and a Book" Book Club We will read "Bright Lights, Big Christmas"

by Mary Kay Andrews. Hallowed Grounds Coffee Co. 9:30 a.m. Mon., Dec. 8

NAMA-Stay for Chair Yoga!

Poland, 11 a.m. Mon., Dec. 8, 22

DIY Snow Globe Ornaments

Austintown, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 8

I Love A Mystery Book Club

This month we will be discussing "Holly Homicide" by Tonya Kappes.

Boardman, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 8

Using Goodreads

Austintown, 10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 9



Bingo: Classic Christmas Movies Brownlee Woods, 3:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9

K-Cup Snowman Hat Ornaments

Main Library, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9



Poland, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9

Early Rock & Roll/ Rockabilly History in Ohio

Learn about Elvis's first concert outside the South, the career of "Mr. Rock 'N' Roll" Alan Freed, and the rockabilly legacy of King Records in Cincinnati. We'll also explore the culture surrounding rock and roll in the Mahoning Valley. Austintown, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9

Retro Rock Bracelets

Austintown, 10 a.m. Wed., Dec. 10

Holiday Painted Pots

Newport, 3 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10

Adult Crafting-Vintage Snow Globe **Christmas Decoration**

Springfield, 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10

Other Worlds (SFF) Book Club

This month's book is "Of Monsters and Mainframes" by Barbara Truelove.

Canfield, 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10

Manifest Your Best 2026

Make a collage-style vision board to ring in the new year! Main Library, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10

Booktok Book Club

The book for this session is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

Austintown, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11

Between the Bookends Book Club

This month's pick is "Snowed in for Christmas" by Jaqueline Snowe.

Brownlee Woods, 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11

Stepping Out With Exercise

Main Library, 1 p.m. Fri., Dec. 12

Makers Academy: Designing Your 3D Print

Main Library, 3:30 p.m. Fri., Dec, 12

Meet the Grinch!

Holiday Photos With Your Pet

The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who are coming to the library to take photos with you and your pets! Space is limited to pet owners and their cats or dogs. Event will be outdoors, weather permitting. Photos will be taken with your phone or camera. Actors provided by Heroes and Tiaras.

Donations will be taken for All About the Pawz, including food, treats, toys and blankets. Monetary donations will not be accepted.

Austintown, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Winter Welcome Signs

Tri-Lakes, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Mysteries and Mocktails

The book will be "The Christmas Murder Game" by Alexandra Benedict.

Struthers, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Mock Interviewing

Canfield, 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Relaxation Station

Austintown, 11 a.m. Mon., Dec. 15

Mystery Monday Book Club

We will be reading: "Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on A Dead Man)" by Jesse Q. Sutanto.

Main Library, 11 a.m. Mon., Dec. 15

Mah-Jongg Monthly

Canfield, 1 p.m. Mon., Dec. 15

Mac Monday: Mac Basics II

Main Library, 2 p.m. Mon., Dec. 15

I Read YA! Book Club

This month's read will be "When the World Tips Over" by Jandy Nelson.

Austintown, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 15

Merry Monday with Tyler Guerrieri

Canfield, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 15

Adult Winter Holiday Craft

Canfield, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16

Cross Stitch Christmas Cards Main Library, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16

Chapter Chat Book Club

We will be reading and discussing the book "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon.

Austintown, 6:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16

Blue Career

Need more information on the skilled trades? Blue Career is a software platform that connects skilled workers to companies that are looking for talent. No resume required. Boardman, 3 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17

Wrap and Yap

Newport, 5 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17

Tea Swap

Poland, 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17

Cozy Night at Your Library!

Austintown, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club

We will be discussing "Dark Wire: The Incredible True Story of the Largest Sting Operation in History" by Joseph Cox. Canfield, 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18

Mystery Craft 1

Austintown, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18

Mystery Craft 2

Austintown, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18

Canfield Holiday Wrapping Party

Canfield, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 19

Brownlee Woods, 2 p.m. Fri., Dec. 19

CraftyNoon: Cookie in a Jar

Gentle Yoga with Brianne

Tri-Lakes, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Makers Academy: Create a 3D Print Main Library, 12 p.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Spill the Tea Book Club

Let's spill the tea on our favorite reads for the 2025 book club year!

East, 4 p.m. Tues., Dec. 23

Sci-fi & Fantasy Saturdays

December's book is "The Left Hand of Darkness" by Ursula K. Le Guin.

Michael Kusalaba, 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 27

Restricted Lit Book Club

This month we'll be reading "Wintergirls"

by Laurie Halse-Anderson. Austintown, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 29

Color Café

Springfield, 10:30 a.m. Tues., Dec. 30



Cardboard Gingerbread House Contest

Put your "gingerbread" house building skills to the test! Register for a kit to pick up during library hours and return your holly jolly creation for the community to vote on their favorite.

Kit Pickup: Mon., Dec.1 - Tues., Dec. 2 Return: Mon., Dec. 8 - Tues., Dec. 9 Voting: Wed., Dec. 10 - Sat., Dec. 20 Canfield, Library Hours

Game Night at East

East, 4:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2

Carols and Cocoa with Tyler Guerrieri Tri-Lakes, 5 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2

Jolabokaflod: the Christmas Book Flood 🕓

Austintown, 6 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2

All-Ages Art Café

Canfield, 3 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3

Poinsettia Winter Holiday Collage

Main Library, 4:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3

Family Support Open Hours Drop in to meet with a Parent and Youth Ambassador

from the Early Childhood Resource Center. Struthers, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4

An Evening of Holiday Music with Tyler Guerrier

Austintown, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4 Boardman, 6:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9

Lego My Library Boardman, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 6 Struthers, 5 p.m. Mon., Dec. 22

Kids Holiday Craft Studio Main Library, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Holiday Cookie Decorating East, 1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Live from Canfield Library's Lobby, it's Holiday Music!

Canfield, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Nutcracker Party Michael Kusalaba, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Jim Kleefeld: Christmas Magic

Get into the holiday spirit with magician Jim Kleefeld! Struthers, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Tri-Lakes, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Ornament Creation Station Newport, 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

View full program descriptions & register online



ALL PLYMC BRANCHES: 330-744-8636

Main Library: 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503

Austintown: 600 S. Raccoon Rd., Austintown, OH 44515

Boardman: 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman, OH 44512

436 Struthers Coitsville Rd., Lowellville, OH 44436

Canfield: 43 W Main St., Canfield, OH 44406 East: 430 Early Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505

Brownlee Woods: 4010 Sheridan Rd., Youngstown, OH 44514

Michael Kusalaba: 2815 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509

Campbell, inside CLWCC (Community Literacy Workforce & Cultural Center):



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at LibraryVisit.org or by calling 330-744-8636



Lighting of the Village

Take a picture with therapy dog Bailey dressed in her holiday best and decorate cookies as we celebrate Poland's Lighting of the Village.

Poland, 4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

Decorate a Gingerbread House

Poland, 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 8

Snowflake Crafting

Campbell, 3:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9

Community Connection Space Bring a group or come meet new people to play

games, chat or sip a comforting hot beverage.

Canfield, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11 **Unplugged Coding: Hopscotch Maze**

Main Library, 4 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11 **Puzzle Chess**

Learn about the latest jigsaw puzzle craze that is sweeping the nation!

Main Library, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11 Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Help Santa and Mrs. Claus decorate cookies and make a Christmas card for a Copeland Oaks resident.

Sebring, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11

Winter Preschool Play Day

Canfield, 10 a.m. Fri., Dec. 12

Little Handprints: Holiday Cards Main Library, 11 a.m. Fri., Dec. 12

Holiday Movie Marathon

East, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Santa Science with Mr. Science

Discover some of Santa's top science secrets then engineer your own bag of snow!

Main Library, 1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13 **Movie Matinee Christmas Edition**

Boardman, 1:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Amateur Radio: Santa Nets

Use the magic of Amateur Radio to talk to Santa at the North Pole!

Michael Kusalaba, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Ugly Paper Sweaters

Brownlee Woods, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13

Spaghetti Tower Building Challenge!

Main Library, 12 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16

ASL Club

Springfield, 6 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17

Tinker at Tri-Lakes

Tri-Lakes, 10 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 18

Hang with Bailey

Boardman, 4 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18

Sock Snowmen

Sebring, 6 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 18

Hang with Polly

Austintown, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Hot Cocoa Party!

Boardman, 11 a.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Newport: 3730 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44507 Poland: 311 S. Main St., Poland, OH 44514 Friends of PLYMC Bookstore: 330-757-2550 Sebring: 195 W. Ohio Ave., Sebring, OH 44672 Springfield: 10418 Main St., New Middletown, OH 44442 Struthers: 95 Poland Ave., Struthers, OH 44471

Special Delivery: 330-792-3869

Tri-Lakes: 13820 Mahoning Ave., N. Jackson, OH 44451



Canfield, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Winter Solstice

Brownlee Woods, 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 20

Kids Play Nex Playground!

Get moving with a new kind of video gaming console. Nex uses a camera to track your movements and puts you directly into the game!

Boardman, 11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Mon., Dec. 22

Festive Fun and a Film

Main Library, 5:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 22



Registration is required for all Culinary Literacy programs **Hands-On Classics:**

French Onion Soup

Learn the techniques behind caramelizing onions, building a flavorful broth, and finishing the dish with toasted bread and melted cheese.

Main Library, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 2 Main Library, 1 p.m. Wed., Dec. 3

National Comfort Food Day with Mercy Health

ADULTS

Celebrate National Comfort Food Day by making a healthy, satisfying comfort food recipe. Main Library, 1 p.m. Fri., Dec. 5

Building Blocks of Cooking: Demi-Glace

ADULTS

Patrons will make a rich demi-glace while also watching demonstrations of foundational techniques, including brown roux, velouté, béchamel, and dark roux.

Main Library, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9 Main Library, 1 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10

ADULTS

How to Host a **Holiday Cookie Exchange**

Bake, taste, and learn how to host your own holiday cookie swap.

Main Library, 1 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 11 Main Library, 5:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 16

Teen Advisory Board -Cookie Challenge

In this fun challenge, teens will start with a basic cookie recipe and experiment with different ingredients to create their own signature treat.

Main Library, 5 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17



Shop for freshly grown produce and other groceries.

Sebring

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Thurs., Dec.11

Main Library

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11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Thurs., Dec. 18



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